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ANDROGEN MODULATORS

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to the discovery of a new class of androgen receptor modulators. Other aspects of the invention are directed to the use of these compounds to decrease sebum secretion and to stimulate hair growth.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Alopecia, or balding, is a common problem which medical science has yet to alleviate. While androgens are associated with balding, the physiological mechanism by which this hair loss occurs is not known. However, it is known that hair growth is altered in individuals afflicted with alopecia.

Hair does not grow continuously but undergoes cycles of activity involving periods of growth, rest, and shedding. The human scalp typically contains from 100,000 to 350,000 hair fibers or shafts, which undergo metamorphosis in three distinct stages:

(a) during the growth phase (anagen) the follicle (i.e. the hair root) penetrates deep into the dermis with the cells of the follicle dividing rapidly and differentiating in the process of synthesizing keratin, the predominant component of hair. In non-balding humans, this growth phase lasts from one to five years;

(b) the transitional phase (catagen) is marked by the cessation of mitosis and lasts from two to three weeks; and

(c) the resting phase (telogen) in which the hair is retained within the scalp for up to 12 weeks, until it is displaced by new follicular growth from the scalp below.

In humans, this growth cycle is not synchronized. An individual will have thousands of follicles in each of these three phases. However, most of the hair follicles will be in the anagen phase. In healthy young adults, the anagen to telogen ratio can be as high as 9 to 1. In individuals with alopecia, this ratio is reduced to as low as 2:1.

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Androgenetic alopecia arises from activation of an inherited sensitivity to circulating androgenic hormones. It is the most common type of alopecia. It affects both men (50%) and women (30%), primarily of Caucasian origin. Gradual changes in the width and length of the hair shaft are experienced over time and with increasing age, prematurely in some. Terminal hair is gradually converted to short, wispy, colorless vellus hair. As a consequence, men in their 20's and women in their 30's and 40's begin to notice their hair becoming finer and shorter. In males, most of the hair loss occurs at the crown of the head. Females experience a thinning over their entire scalp. As discussed above, the anagen to telogen ratio is reduced significantly, resulting in less hair growth.

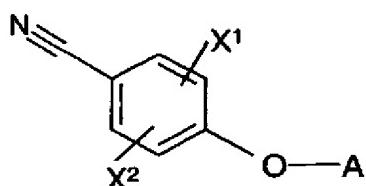
Minoxidil, a potassium channel opener, promotes hair growth. Minoxidil is available commercially in the United States under the trademark, Rogaine®. While the exact mechanism of action of minoxidil is unknown, its impact on the hair growth cycle is well documented. Minoxidil promotes the growth of the hair follicle and increase the period of time that the hair follicle is in the anagen phase (i.e., increases the anagen to telogen ratio).

While minoxidil promotes hair growth, the cosmetic efficacy of this growth can vary widely. For example, Roenigk reported the results of a clinical trial involving 83 males who used a topical solution of 3% minoxidil for a period of 19 months. Hair growth occurred in 55% of the subjects. However, only 20% of the subjects considered the growth to be cosmetically relevant. (Clin.Res., 33, No. 4, 914A, 1985). Tosti reported cosmetically acceptable re-growth in 18.1% of his subjects. (Dermatologica, 173, No. 3, 136-138, 1986). Thus, the need exists in the art for compounds having the ability produce higher rates of cosmetically acceptable hair growth in patients with alopecia.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In accordance with the present invention, a new class of androgen receptor modulators has been discovered. These new modulators, along with their salts, solvates, hydrates, and prodrugs thereof, may be represented by Formula I

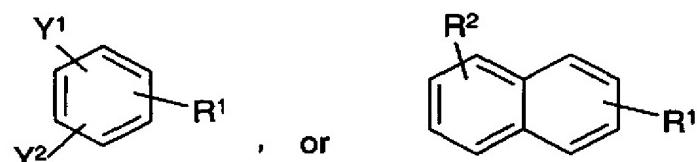
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in which;

- 5 a) X¹ is represented by halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, haloalkoxy, or haloalkyl,
 b) X² is represented by hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, haloalkoxy, or haloalkyl and,
 c) A is represented by a C₆-C₁₀ aryl moiety as described below:

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in which R¹ and R² are each independently represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of:

- 15 i) hydrogen,
 ii) halogen,
 iii) cyano,
 iv) hydroxy,
 v) NO₂,
20 vi) (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl, optionally substituted,
 vii) (C₂-C₁₂)alkenyl, optionally substituted,
 viii) (C₂-C₁₂)alkynyl, optionally substituted,
 ix) (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, optionally substituted,
 x) (C₃-C₁₀) cycloalkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, in which the alkyl and
 cycloalkyl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
 xi) (C₆-C₁₀)aryl, optionally substituted,
 xii) (C₆-C₁₀)aryl (C₁-C₆)alkyl, in which the alkyl and aryl
 moieties may each be optionally substituted,

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- xiii) $(CH_2)_z-SR^3$,
- xiv) $(CH_2)_z-OR^3$,
- xv) $(CH_2)_z-NR^3R^4$,
- xvi) $(CH_2)_z-COOR^3$,
- 5 xvii) $(CH_2)_z-CONR^3R^4$,
- xviii) $(CH_2)_z-C(O)R^3$,
- xix) $(CH_2)_z-NR^4COR^3$, and
- xx) $(CH_2)_zOC(O)R^3$;

- 10 d) z is represented by an integer from 0 to 6,
- e) R³ is represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl optionally substituted, (C₂-C₁₂)alkenyl optionally substituted, (C₂-C₁₂)alkynyl optionally substituted, optionally substituted (C₆-C₁₀)aryl, and (C₆-C₁₀)aryl (C₁-C₆)alkyl, in which the alkyl and aryl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
- 15 f) R⁴ is represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl,
- 20 g) Y¹ and Y² are each absent, or together form a carbocyclic ring, -(CH₂)_n, in which n is an integer from 3-8.

The compounds of Formula I are androgen receptor modulators. The compounds have affinity for the androgen receptor and will cause a biological effect by binding to the receptor. Typically, the compounds will act as antagonists. In selected embodiments they will act as partial agonists, full agonists, or tissue selective agonists. As androgen receptor modulators, the compounds can be used to treat, or alleviate, conditions associated with inappropriate activation of the androgen receptor. Examples of such conditions for antagonists include, but are not limited to, acne, excess sebum secretion, androgenic alopecia, hormone dependant cancers such as prostate cancer, and hirsutism. Those compounds that are partial agonists, or full agonists, can be used to treat osteoporosis, hypogonadism, anemia, or to stimulate increases in muscle mass, especially in wasting diseases.

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The invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions containing at least one of the compounds, in an amount effective to modulate activation of the androgen receptor. In a further embodiment, the invention is directed to an article of manufacture containing at least one of the compounds, packaged for retail distribution, in association with instructions advising the consumer on how to use the compound to alleviate a condition associated with inappropriate activation of the androgen receptor. An additional embodiment is directed to the use of a compound as a diagnostic agent to detect inappropriate activation of the androgen receptor.

In a further embodiment, the compounds are used topically to induce and/or stimulate hair growth and/or to slow down hair loss. The compounds may also be used topically in the treatment of excess sebum and/or of acne.

In a further embodiment the compounds can be used in livestock such as cattle, pigs, chickens, etc. The compounds will increase the growth rate, and enhance the lean meat to fat ratio in the animals, and improve feed efficiency.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The headings within this document are only being utilized expedite its review by the reader. They should not be construed as limiting the invention or claims in any manner.

Definitions and Exemplification

As used throughout this application, including the claims, the following terms have the meanings defined below, unless specifically indicated otherwise.

The plural and singular should be treated as interchangeable, other than the indication of number:

- a. "halogen" refers to a chlorine, fluorine or bromine atom.

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- 5 b. "C₁- C₆ alkyl" refers to a branched or straight chained alkyl group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, pentyl, etc.
- 10 c. "C₁- C₆ alkyl, optionally substituted" refers to a branched or straight chained alkyl group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, pentyl, etc. Such an alkyl group may be optionally substituted, in which up to 6 hydrogen atoms are replaced by a substituent selected from the group consisting of halogen, haloalkyl, hydroxy, thiol, cyano, and NR³R⁴ in which R³ and R⁴ are as defined above.
- 15 d. "C₁- C₁₂ alkyl, optionally substituted" refers to a branched or straight chained alkyl group containing from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, hexyl, octyl, decyl, etc. Such an alkyl group may be optionally substituted, in which up to 8 hydrogen atoms are replaced by a substituent selected from the group consisting of halogen, haloalkyl, hydroxy, thiol, cyano, and NR³R⁴, in which R³ and R⁴ are as defined above.
- 20 e. "C₂- C₁₂ alkenyl optionally substituted" refers to a straight-chain or branched-chain hydrocarbon radical containing from 2 to 12 carbon atoms and 1, or more, carbon-carbon double bonds. Examples of alkenyl radicals include ethenyl, propenyl, 1,4-butadienyl, 1-hexenyl, 1,3-octadienyl and the like. Such an alkenyl group may be optionally substituted, in which up to 8 hydrogen atoms are replaced by a substituent selected from the group consisting of halogen, haloalkyl, hydroxy, thiol, cyano, and NR³R⁴, in which R³ and R⁴ are as defined above.
- 25 f. "C₂- C₁₂ alkynyl optionally substituted" refers to a straight-chain or branched-chain hydrocarbon radical containing from 2 to 12 carbon atoms and having 1, or more, carbon-carbon triple bonds. Examples of alkynyl radicals include

ethynyl, propynyl, butynyl, octynyl, and the like. Such an alkynyl group may be optionally substituted, in which up to 8 hydrogen atoms are replaced by a substituent selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, haloalkyl, thiol, cyano, and $\text{--NR}^3\text{R}^4$, in which R^3 and R^4 are as defined above.

- 5 g. "haloalkyl" refers to a branched or straight chained alkyl group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, in which at least one hydrogen atom is replaced with a halogen (i.e. C₁-C₆ haloalkyl). Examples of suitable haloalkyl's include chloromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl; 1-fluro-2-chloro-ethyl, 5-fluoro-hexyl, 3-difluoro-isopropyl, 3-chloro-isobutyl, etc.
- 10 h. "(C₁-C₂)alkyl substituted with one or more halogen atoms" refers to a straight chained alkyl group containing 1 or 2 carbon atoms, i.e., methyl or ethyl in which at least one hydrogen atom is replaced with a halogen (i.e. for example trifluoromethyl, dichloromethyl, etc.).
- 15 i. "(C₁-C₂)alkoxy substituted with one or more halogen atoms" refers to a straight chained alkoxy group containing 1 or 2 carbon atoms, i.e., methoxy or ethoxy in which at least one hydrogen atom is replaced with a halogen (i.e. for example trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethoxy, etc.)
- 20 j. "C₁- C₆ alkoxy" refers to a straight or branched chain alkoxy group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, such as methoxy, ethoxy, n-propoxy, isopropoxy, n-butoxy, isobutoxy, pentoxy, etc.
- 25 k. "haloalkoxy" refers to a branched or straight chained alkoxy group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, in which at least one hydrogen atom is replaced with a halogen (i.e. C₁-C₆ haloalkoxy). Examples of suitable haloalkoxy's include chloromethoxy, difluoromethoxy, trifluoromethoxy, 1-fluro-2-chloro-ethoxy, 5-fluoro-hexoxy, 3-difluoro-isopropoxy, 3-chloro-isobutoxy, etc.

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- 5 I. “(C₆-C₁₀)aryl” optionally substituted means a cyclic, aromatic hydrocarbon containing from 6 to 10 carbon atoms. Examples of aryl groups include phenyl, naphthyl and biphenyl. Such an aryl moiety may be optionally substituted with up to 4 non-hydrogen substituents, each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, (C₁-C₂)alkyl substituted with one or more halogens, (C₁-C₂)alkoxy substituted with one or more halogens, SR⁵ and NR⁵R⁶. R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently represented by C₁-C₆ alkyl or hydrogen. These substituents may be the same or different and may be located at any position of the ring, that is chemically permissible.
- 10 m. “(C₃-C₁₀) cycloalkyl” optionally substituted refers to a saturated or partially saturated monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic alkyl radical wherein each cyclic moiety has 3 to 10 carbon atoms. Examples of cycloalkyl radicals include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclooctyl, and the like. Such a cycloalkyl group may be optionally substituted, in which up to 4 hydrogen atoms are replaced by a substituent selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, (C₁-C₂)alkyl substituted with one or more halogens, (C₁-C₂)alkoxy substituted with one or more halogens, SR⁵, and
- 15 nR⁵R⁶, in which R⁵ and R⁶ are as defined above.
- 20 n. “androgen” refers to testosterone and its precursors and metabolites, and 5-alpha reduced androgens, including but not limited to dihydrotestosterone. Androgen refers to androgens from the testis, adrenal gland, and ovaries, as well as all forms of natural, synthetic and substituted or modified androgens.
- 25 o. “pharmaceutically acceptable” means suitable for use in mammals.

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- p. "salts" is intended to refer pharmaceutically acceptable salts and to salts suitable for use in industrial processes, such as the preparation of the compound.
 - q. "pharmaceutically acceptable salts" is intended to refer to either pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts" or "pharmaceutically acceptable basic addition salts" depending upon actual structure of the compound.
 - r. "pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts" is intended to apply to any non-toxic organic or inorganic acid addition salt of the base compounds represented by Formula I or any of its intermediates. Illustrative inorganic acids which form suitable salts include hydrochloric, hydrobromic, sulphuric, and phosphoric acid and acid metal salts such as sodium monohydrogen orthophosphate, and potassium hydrogen sulfate. Illustrative organic acids, which form suitable salts include the mono-, di-, and tricarboxylic acids. Illustrative of such acids are for example, acetic, glycolic, lactic, pyruvic, malonic, succinic, glutaric, fumaric, malic, tartaric, citric, ascorbic, maleic, hydroxymaleic, benzoic, hydroxy-benzoic, phenylacetic, cinnamic, salicylic, 2-phenoxybenzoic, p-toluenesulfonic acid, and sulfonic acids such as methane sulfonic acid and 2-hydroxyethane sulfonic acid. Such salts can exist in either a hydrated or substantially anhydrous form. In general, the acid addition salts of these compounds are soluble in water and various hydrophilic organic solvents, and which in comparison to their free base forms, generally demonstrate higher melting points.
 - s. "pharmaceutically acceptable basic addition salts" is intended to apply to any non-toxic organic or inorganic basic addition salts of the compounds represented by Formula I, or any of its intermediates. Illustrative bases which form suitable salts include alkali metal or alkaline-earth metal hydroxides such as sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, or barium hydroxides; ammonia, and

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aliphatic, alicyclic, or aromatic organic amines such as methylamine, dimethylamine, trimethylamine, and picoline.

- 5 t. "prodrug" refers to compounds that are rapidly transformed in vivo to yield the parent compound of the above formulas, for example, by hydrolysis in blood. A thorough discussion is provided in T. Higuchi and V. Stella, "Pro-drugs as Novel Delivery Systems," Vol. 14 of the A.C.S. Symposium Series, and in Bioreversible Carriers in Drug Design, ed. Edward B. Roche, American Pharmaceutical Association and Pergamon Press, 1987, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

- 10 u. "compound of Formula I", "compounds of the invention", and "compounds" are used interchangeably throughout the application and should be treated as synonyms.

- 15 v. "patient" refers to warm blooded animals such as, for example, guinea pigs, mice, rats, gerbils, cats, rabbits, dogs, monkeys, chimpanzees, stump tail macques, and humans.

- 20 w. "treat" refers to the ability of the compounds to either relieve, alleviate, or slow the progression of the patient's disease (or condition) or any tissue damage associated with the disease.

- 25 x. "livestock" refers to animals suitable for human meat consumption. Examples include pigs, cattle, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, etc.

- y. "isomer" means "stereoisomer" and "geometric isomer" as defined below.

- 30 z. "stereoisomer" means compounds that possess one or more chiral centers and each center may exist in the R or S configuration. Stereoisomers includes all diastereomeric, enantiomeric and epimeric forms as well as racemates and mixtures thereof.

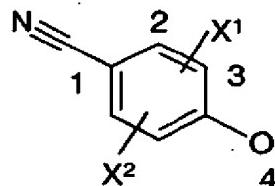
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- aa. "geometric isomer" means compounds that may exist in cis, trans, anti, syn, entgegen (E), and zusammen (Z) forms as well as mixtures thereof.

5 Certain of the compounds of the formula (I) may exist as geometric isomers. The compounds of the formula (I) may possess one or more asymmetric centers, thus existing as two, or more, stereoisomeric forms. The present invention includes the use of all the individual stereoisomers and geometric isomers of the compounds of formula (I) and mixtures thereof.

10 In addition, the compounds of Formula I can exist in unsolvated as well as solvated forms with pharmaceutically acceptable solvents such as water, ethanol, and the like. In general, the solvated forms are considered equivalent to the unsolvated forms for the purposes of the present invention. The compounds may 15 also exist in one or more crystalline states, i.e. polymorphs, or they may exist as amorphous solids. The use of all such forms are encompassed by the claims.,

20 All of the compounds of Formula I contain a benzonitrile moiety. To further exemplify the invention, the numbering system for this ring and its substitution pattern is shown below:



25 Position 1 of this benzonitrile is substituted with a cyano moiety as depicted above. Position 4 is substituted with an oxygen atom forming an ether moiety. The benzonitrile will be further substituted, as depicted by X¹, at position 2, 3, 5 or 6 with a halogen atom, a cyano group, a(C₁-C₆) alkyl group, a (C₁-C₆) alkoxy group, a haloalkoxy moiety or a haloalkyl moiety. Typically, it will be a halogen or haloalkyl moiety located at the 2 or 6-position. More typically it will be 30 trifluoromethyl located at the 2 or 6-position of the benzonitrile. The benzonitrile

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may optionally be further substituted, as indicated by X², with a third substituent, selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₆) alkyl, (C₁-C₆) alkoxy, haloalkoxy and haloalkyl which may be located at any remaining position of the benzonitrile..

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The aryl moiety, A, will be bonded to the 4-position of the benzonitrile via the oxygen atom depicted in Formula I, thus forming an ether linkage. A will represent a phenyl or naphthyl as shown above. If A is phenyl, it may optionally be substituted. Up to 4 hydrogen atoms of the phenyl ring may be replaced with one of the non-hydrogen substituents listed above for R¹. Optionally, two of the 10 hydrogen atoms of the phenyl ring may be replaced with a carbocyclic ring as depicted by the Y¹-Y² moiety. This carbocyclic ring may be bonded to any two positions of the phenyl ring (that is chemically permissible). If the carbocyclic ring is present, up to two hydrogen atoms of the phenyl ring may be replaced with one 15 of the substituents listed above for R¹, (if chemically permissible). If the Y¹-Y² moiety forms a carbocyclic ring, the ether linkage should be bonded directly to the phenyl ring, not the carbocyclic ring.

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A may also be represented by naphthyl, which may also be optionally substituted. Up to 4 hydrogen atoms from each ring may be replaced with one of the non-hydrogen substituents listed above for R¹ and R², if chemically permissible.

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More specific embodiments of the invention include the use of compounds of Formula I in which:

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X¹ is chloro or trifluoromethyl and is located at the 2-position of the phenyl ring, and A is as defined above.

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X¹ is chloro or trifluoromethyl and is located at the 3-position of the phenyl ring, and A is as defined above.

X¹ is C₁-C₆ alkoxy and is located at the 2-position of the phenyl ring, and A is as defined above

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X¹ is chloro or trifluoromethyl and is located at the 2-position of the phenyl ring, and A is phenyl.

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X¹ is chloro or trifluoromethyl and is located at the 2-position of the phenyl ring, and A is phenyl, monosubstituted at the 2'-position with C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ thioalkoxy, hydroxyl, haloalkyl, or halogen.

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X¹ is chloro or trifluoromethyl and is located at the 2-position of the phenyl ring, and A is phenyl, di-substituted at the 2'- and 6'- positions with C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ thioalkoxy, hydroxyl, haloalkyl or halogen.

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X¹ is chloro or trifluoromethyl and is located at the 2-position of the phenyl ring, and A is phenyl, monosubstituted at the 2'-position with methyl, methoxy, thiomethoxy, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, or fluoro.

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X¹ is chloro or trifluoromethyl and is located at the 2-position of the phenyl ring, and A is phenyl, di-substituted at the 2'- and 6'- positions with methyl, methoxy, thiomethoxy, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, or fluoro.

More Specific Examples of compounds of Formula I include:

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3-Chloro-4-(2-ethylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,

3-Chloro-4-(2-nitro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,

2-Chloro-4-(2-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,

3-Chloro-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile,

3-Chloro-4-(2-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,

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3-Chloro-(2,6-difluoro-5-methyl-phenoxy)benzonitrile,

2-Chloro-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile,

2-(3-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-benzamide,

3-Chloro-4-(2,5-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile

3-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile

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4-(2-Allyl-6-methyl-phenoxy)-3-chloro-benzonitrile

3-Chloro-(3-hydroxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile

3-Chloro-4-(3-hydroxymethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile

3-Chloro-4-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile

3-Chloro-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile

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- 3-Chloro-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2-propyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-(2-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-N,N-diethyl-benzamide
3-Chloro-4-(2-fluoro-6-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
5 3-Chloro-4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-(2-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
10 3-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-m-tolyloxy-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
15 3-Chloro-4-(2-ethoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yloxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(3-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
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2-Chloro-4-(2-isopropyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-benzonitrile
25 2-Chloro-4-m-tolyloxy-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(indan-5-yloxy)-benzonitrile
4-(2-Allyl-6-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
30 2-Chloro-4-[4-(2-cyano-ethyl)-phenoxy]-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
4-(2-sec-Butyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile

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- 2-Chloro-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
4-(2-Allyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
5 2-Chloro-4-(2,3-dimethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
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2-Chloro-4-(2-ethoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(3,4'-dimethyl-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-benzonitrile
10 2-Chloro-4-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
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4-(2-Benzyl-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile,
2-Chloro-4-(2-isopropoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
15 4-(2-Benzyl-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile,
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20 4-(Biphenyl-2-yloxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile,
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3-Chloro-4-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-benzonitrile,
4-(2-tert-Butyl-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile,
25 4-(4-Acetyl-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(4-Acetyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Ethylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Nitro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
30 4-o-Tolyloxy-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(4-Hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(3-Hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,

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- 4-(2-Hydroxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
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4-(2-Acetyl-3-hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
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5 4-(5-Hydroxymethyl-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
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4-(2-Acetyl-4-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2,3-Dimethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
10 4-(2-Benzylphenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Ethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(Biphenyl-2-yloxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Methoxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2,6-Dimethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
15 4-(Naphthalen-1-yloxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
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20 2-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Propyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Cyclopentyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Allyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
2-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N,N-diethyl-benzamide,
25 4-(2-Fluoro-6-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
2-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Ethoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Isopropoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Isopropoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
30 4-(2-Cyano-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
2-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-(2-hydroxy-propyl)-benzamide,
2-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-(3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-propyl)-
benzamide;

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- 4-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
4-(3-Hydroxy-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
2-Methoxy-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile;
4-(2,6-Difluoro-3-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
5 4-[4-Fluoro-2-(1-hydroxy-ethyl)-phenoxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
4-(2-Acetyl-4-fluoro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
4-(2,6-Difluoro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
4-[2-(1-Aminoethyl)-4-fluoro-phenoxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
4-(2-Cyanomethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
10 3-Chloro-4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile;
3-Methoxy-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile and
2-Fluoro-4-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile.

Synthesis

15 The compounds of Formula I are known in the art. They may be prepared using methods known in the art for the preparation of ethers. On such synthesis is described in European Patent Application Number 58932.

Medical and Cosmetic Uses

20 The compounds of Formula I are androgen receptor modulators. They can be used to alleviate conditions associated with inappropriate activation of the androgen receptor. Compounds acting as androgen antagonists may be used to treat, or alleviate, hormone dependent cancers such as prostate carcinomas, benign hyperplasia of the prostate, acne, hirsutism, excess sebum, alopecia, hypertrichosis, precocious puberty, prostamegaly, virilization, and polycystic ovary syndrome. Compounds acting as partial agonists, or full agonists, may be used to treat, or alleviate, male hypogonadism, male sexual dysfunction (impotence, male dysspermatogenic sterility), abnormal sex differentiation (male hermaphroditism), male delayed puberty, male infertility, aplastic anemia, hemolytic anemia, sickle cell anemia, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, myelofibrosis, renal anemia, wasting diseases (post operative, malignant tumor, trauma, chronic renal disease, burn or AIDS induced), abatement of pain in terminal carcinoma of female genitalia, inoperable breast cancer, mastopathy,

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endometriosis, female sexual dysfunction, osteoporosis, wound healing and muscle tissue repair.

In order to exhibit the therapeutic properties described above, the
5 compounds need to be administered in a quantity sufficient to modulate activation
of the androgen receptor. This amount can vary depending upon the particular
disease/condition being treated, the severity of the patient's disease/condition,
the patient, the particular compound being administered, the route of
administration, and the presence of other underlying disease states within the
10 patient, etc. When administered systemically, the compounds typically exhibit
their effect at a dosage range of from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about
100 mg/kg/day for any of the diseases or conditions listed above. Repetitive daily
administration may be desirable and will vary according to the conditions outlined
above.

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The compounds of the present invention may be administered by a variety
of routes. They may be administered orally. The compounds may also be
administered parenterally (i.e., subcutaneously, intravenously, intramuscularly,
intraperitoneally, or intrathecally), rectally, or topically.

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In a typical embodiment, the compounds are administered topically.
Topical administration is especially appropriate for hirsutism, alopecia, acne and
excess sebum. The dose will vary, but as a general guideline, the compound will
be present in a dermatologically acceptable carrier in an amount of from about
25 0.01 to 50 w/w%, and more typically from about 0.1 to 10 w/w%. The
dermatological preparation will be applied to the affected area from 1 to 4 times
daily. "Dermatologically acceptable" refers to a carrier which may be applied to
the skin or hair, and which will allow the drug to diffuse to the site of action. More
specifically, it refers the site where inhibition of activation of an androgen receptor
30 is desired.

In a further embodiment, the compounds are used topically to relieve
alopecia, especially androgenic alopecia. Androgens have a profound effect on
both hair growth and hair loss. In most body sites, such as the beard and pubic
35 skin, androgens stimulate hair growth by prolonging the growth phase of the hair
cycle (anagen) and increasing follicle size. Hair growth on the scalp does not

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require androgens but, paradoxically, androgens are necessary for balding on the scalp in genetically predisposed individuals (androgenic alopecia) where there is a progressive decline in the duration of anagen and in hair follicle size.

Androgenic alopecia is also common in women where it usually presents as a diffuse hair loss rather than showing the patterning seen in men.

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While the compounds will most typically be used to alleviate androgenic alopecia, the invention is not limited to this specific condition. The compounds may be used to alleviate any type of alopecia. Examples of non-androgenic 10 alopecia include alopecia areata, alopecia due to radiotherapy or chemotherapy, scarring alopecia; stress related alopecia; etc. As used in this application, "alopecia" refers to partial or complete hair loss on the scalp.

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Thus, the compounds can be applied topically to the scalp and hair to prevent, or alleviate balding. Further, the compound can be applied topically in order to induce or promote the growth of hair on the scalp.

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In a further embodiment of the invention, a compound of Formula I is applied topically in order to prevent the growth of hair in areas where such hair growth is not desired. One such use will be to alleviate hirsutism. Hirsutism is excessive hair growth in areas that typically do not have hair (i.e. a female face). Such inappropriate hair growth occurs most commonly in women and is frequently seen at menopause. The topical administration of the compounds will alleviate this condition leading to a reduction, or elimination of this inappropriate, 25 or undesired, hair growth.

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The compounds may also be used topically to decrease sebum production. Sebum is composed of triglycerides, wax esters, fatty acids, sterol esters and squalene. Sebum is produced in the acinar cells of the sebaceous 30 glands and accumulates as these cells age. At maturation, the acinar cells lyse, releasing sebum into the luminal duct so that it may be deposited on the surface of the skin.

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In some individuals, an excessive quantity of sebum is secreted onto the skin. This can have a number of adverse consequences. It can exacerbate acne, since sebum is the primary food source for *Propionbacterium acnes*, the 35

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causative agent of acne. It can cause the skin to have a greasy appearance, typically considered cosmetically unappealing.

Formation of sebum is regulated by growth factors and a variety of hormones including androgen. The cellular and molecular mechanism by which androgens exert their influence on the sebaceous gland has not been fully elucidated. However, clinical experience documents the impact androgens have on sebum production. Sebum production is significantly increased during puberty, when androgen levels are their highest. Anti-androgens, such as finasteride, have been shown to decrease androgen secretion. For additional information on sebum production and androgens role in skin metabolism, see Moshell et al, Progress in Dermatology, vol. 37, No. 4, Dec. 2003.

Thus, the compounds of formula I inhibit the secretion of sebum and thus reduce the amount of sebum on the surface of the skin. The compounds can be used to treat a variety of dermal diseases such as acne or seborrheic dermatitis.

In addition to treating diseases associated with excess sebum production, the compounds can also be used to achieve a cosmetic effect. Some consumers believe that they are afflicted with overactive sebaceous glands. They feel that their skin is oily and thus unattractive. These individuals can utilize the compounds of Formula I to decrease the amount of sebum on their skin. Decreasing the secretion of sebum will alleviate oily skin in individuals afflicted with such conditions.

In a further embodiment, those compounds acting as partial agonists, or full agonists, may be used to treat, or alleviate, osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is characterized by bone loss, resulting from an imbalance between bone resorption (destruction) and bone formation, which starts in the fourth decade and continues throughout life at the rate of about 1-4% per year (Eastell, Treatment of postmenopausal osteoporosis, New Eng. J. Med. 338: 736, 1998). In the United States, there are currently about 20 million people with detectable fractures of the vertebrae due to osteoporosis. In addition, there are about 250,000 hip fractures per year due to osteoporosis, associated with a 12%-20% mortality rate within the first two years, while 30% of patients require nursing home care after the fracture and many never become fully ambulatory again. In postmenopausal women,

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estrogen deficiency leads to increased bone resorption resulting in bone loss in the vertebrae of around 5% per year, immediately following menopause. Thus, first line treatment/prevention of this condition is inhibition of bone resorption by bisphosphonates, estrogens, selective estrogen receptor modulators (SERMs) and calcitonin. However, inhibitors of bone resorption are not sufficient to restore bone mass for patients who have already lost a significant amount of bone. The increase in spinal BMD attained by bisphosphonate treatment can reach 11% after 7 years of treatment with alendronate. In addition, as the rate of bone turnover differs from site to site; higher in the trabecular bone of the vertebrae than in the cortex of the long bones, the bone resorption inhibitors are less effective in increasing hip BMD and preventing hip fracture. Therefore, osteoanabolic agents, which increase cortical/periosteal bone formation and bone mass of long bones, would address an unmet need in the treatment of osteoporosis especially for patients with high risk of hip fractures.

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A number of studies demonstrate that androgens are osteoanabolic in women and men. Anabolic steroids, such as nandrolone decanoate or stanozolol, have been shown to increase bone mass in postmenopausal women. Beneficial effects of androgens on bone in post-menopausal osteoporosis are well documented in recent studies using combined testosterone and estrogen administration (Hofbauer, et al., Androgen effects on bone metabolism: recent progress and controversies, *Eur. J. Endocrinol.* 140, 271-286, 1999). Thus those compounds of Formula I exhibiting agonist or partial agonist activity may be used to treat, or alleviate, osteoporosis, including primary osteoporosis such as senile, postmenopausal and juvenile osteoporosis, as well as secondary osteoporosis, such as osteoporosis due to hyperthyroidism or Cushing syndrome (due to corticosteroid treatment), acromegaly, hypogonadism, dysosteogenesis and hypophosphatasemia. Other bone related indications amendable to treat from androgen agonists include osteoporotic fracture, childhood idiopathic bone loss, alveolar bone loss, mandibular bone loss, bone fracture, osteotomy, periodontitis, or prosthetic ingrowth.

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Those compounds acting as agonists, or partial agonists, can also be used to stimulate muscle mass in patients afflicted with wasting diseases, such as AIDS, cancer cachexia, burns, renal disease, etc. Patients suffering from

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trauma, bedsores, age, etc. can also benefit from the anabolic effects of androgens.

Co-Administration

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In a further embodiment of the invention, the compounds of Formula I can be co-administered with other compounds to further enhance their activity, or to minimize potential side effects. For example, potassium channel openers, such as minoxidil, are known to stimulate hair growth and to induce anagen. Examples 10 of other potassium channel openers include (3S,4R)-3,4-dihydro-4-(2,3-dihydro-2-methyl-3-oxopyridazin-6-yl)oxy-3-hydroxy-6-(3-hydroxyphenyl)sulphonyl-2,2,3-trimethyl-2H-benzo[b]pyran, diaxoxide, and P1075 which is under development by Leo Pharmaceuticals. Such compounds can be co-administered with the compounds of Formula I to alleviate alopecia

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Thyroid hormone is also known to stimulate hair growth. Synthetic thyroid hormone replacements (i.e., thyromimetics) have also been shown to stimulate hair growth. Such thyromimetics have been described in the literature previously. The reader's attention is directed to European Patent Application No. 1262177, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, for a discussion of 20 such compounds and their use to alleviate alopecia. One particular compound of interest is 2-[4-[3-(4-Fluoro-benzyl)-4-hydroxy-phenoxy]-3,5-dimethyl-phenyl]-2H-[1,2,4]triazine-3,5-dione. Such compounds can be co-administered with the compounds of Formula I to alleviate alopecia.

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Anti-androgens can work by a number of different mechanisms. For example, some compounds block the conversion of testosterone to 5- α -dihydrotestosterone, which is responsible for the biological effect in many tissues. 5-Alpha-reductase inhibitors, such as finasteride, have been shown to stimulate hair growth and to decrease sebum production. Finasteride is commercially available from Merck under the trade name Propecia[®]. Examples of other 5- α -reductase inhibitors include dutasteride (Glaxo Smithkline). Such compounds 30 can be co-administered with the compounds of Formula I to alleviate alopecia and/or to decrease sebum production.

Protein kinase C inhibitors have also been shown to stimulate hair growth and induce anagen. Calphostin C, which is a selective inhibitor of protein kinase

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C, has been shown to induce anagen. Other selective protein kinase C inhibitors, such as hexadecylphosphocholine, palmitoyl-DL-carnitine chloride, and polymyxin B sulfate have also been shown to induce anagen. [Skin Pharmacol Appl Skin Physiol 2000 May-Aug;13(3-4):133-42]. Any such protein kinase C inhibitor can be co-administered with a compound of Formula I to alleviate alopecia.

10 Immunophilins are a family of cytoplasmic proteins. Their ligands include cyclosporine and FK506. They are derived from fungi and were developed primarily for their potent immunosuppressive properties. Cyclosporin binds to the proteins, cyclophilins, while FK506 binds to FK binding proteins (FKBPs). All of these compounds have been shown to stimulate hair growth and induce anagen. Any such immunophilin ligands can be co-administered with a compound of Formula I to alleviate alopecia.

15 Acyl CoA cholesterol acyl transferase (ACAT) inhibitors were initially evaluated for the treatment of elevated serum cholesterol. It was subsequently discovered that these compounds decrease sebum production (United States Patent No. 6,133,326). Any such ACAT inhibitor can be co-administered with a compound of formula I to decrease sebum production, alleviate oily skin, etc..

20 Antibiotics, such as tetracycline and clindamycin, have been used to alleviate acne. The antibiotic eradicates the microorganism, *Propionbacterium acnes*, leading to a reduction in the patient's acne. The compounds of Formula I can be co-administered with any antibiotic suitable for the treatment of acne.

25 Retinoids, such as isotretinoin, have been shown to decrease sebum production and are used to treat acne. These retinoids can be co-administered with a compound of Formula I in order to decrease sebum production and/or to treat acne.

30 Estrogen and progesterone have each been shown to decrease sebum production. These compounds, or any synthetic agonist of such compounds, may be co-administered with a compound of formula I in order to decrease sebum production.

As used in this application, co-administered refers to administering a compound of Formula I with a second medicinal, typically having a differing

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mechanism of action, using a dosing regimen that promotes the desired result. This can refer to simultaneous dosing, dosing at different times during a single day, or even dosing on different days. The compounds can be administered separately or can be combined into a single formulation. Techniques for preparing such formulations are described below.

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Formulations

If desired, the compounds can be administered directly without any carrier. However, to ease administration, they will typically be formulated into pharmaceutical carriers. Likewise, they will most typically be formulated into dermatological, or cosmetic carriers. In this application the terms "dermatological carrier" and "cosmetic" carrier are being used interchangeably. They refer to formulations designed for administration directly to the skin or hair.

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15 Pharmaceutical and cosmetic compositions can be manufactured utilizing techniques known in the art. Typically an effective amount of the compound will be admixed with a pharmaceutically/cosmetically acceptable carrier.

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For oral administration, the compounds can be formulated into solid or liquid preparations such as capsules, pills, tablets, lozenges, melts, powders, suspensions, or emulsions. Solid unit dosage forms can be capsules of the ordinary gelatin type containing, for example, surfactants, lubricants and inert fillers such as lactose, sucrose, and cornstarch or they can be sustained release preparations.

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In another embodiment, the compounds of Formula I can be tableted with conventional tablet bases such as lactose, sucrose, and cornstarch in combination with binders, such as acacia, cornstarch, or gelatin, disintegrating agents such as potato starch or alginic acid, and a lubricant such as stearic acid or magnesium stearate. Liquid preparations are prepared by dissolving the active ingredient in an aqueous or non-aqueous pharmaceutically acceptable solvent, which may also contain suspending agents, sweetening agents, flavoring agents, and preservative agents as are known in the art.

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For parenteral administration, the compounds may be dissolved in a physiologically acceptable pharmaceutical carrier and administered as either a solution or a suspension. Illustrative of suitable pharmaceutical carriers are water, saline, dextrose solutions, fructose solutions, ethanol, or oils of animal, 5 vegetative, or synthetic origin. The pharmaceutical carrier may also contain preservatives, buffers, etc., as are known in the art. When the compounds are being administered intrathecally, they may also be dissolved in cerebrospinal fluid as is known in the art.

10 The compounds of this invention will typically be administered topically. As used herein, topical refers to application of the compounds (and optional carrier) directly to the skin and/or hair. The topical composition according to the present invention can be in the form of solutions, lotions, salves, creams, ointments, liposomes, sprays, gels, foams, roller sticks, or any other formulation 15 routinely used in dermatology.

Thus, a further embodiment relates to cosmetic or pharmaceutical compositions, in particular dermatological compositions, which comprise at least one of the compounds corresponding to Formula I above. Such dermatological 20 compositions will contain from 0.001% to 10% w/w% of the compounds in admixture with a dermatologically acceptable carrier, and more typically, from 0.1 to 5 w/w% of the compounds. Such compositions will typically be applied from 1 to 4 times daily. The reader's attention is directed to Remington's Pharmaceutical Science, Edition 17, Mack Publishing Co., Easton, PA for a 25 discussion of how to prepare such formulations.

The compositions according to the invention can also consist of solid preparations constituting cleansing soaps or bars. These compositions are prepared according to the usual methods.

30 The compounds can also be used for the hair in the form of aqueous, alcoholic or aqueous-alcoholic solutions, or in the form of creams, gels, emulsions or mousses, or alternatively in the form of aerosol compositions also comprising a propellant under pressure. The composition according to the 35 invention can also be a hair care composition, and in particular a shampoo, a hair-setting lotion, a treating lotion, a styling cream or gel, a dye composition, a

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lotion or gel for preventing hair loss, etc. The amounts of the various constituents in the dermatological compositions according to the invention are those conventionally used in the fields considered.

5 The medicinal and cosmetics containing the compounds of the invention will typically be packaged for retail distribution (i.e. an article of manufacture). Such articles will be labeled and packaged in a manner to instruct the patient how to use the product. Such instructions will include the condition to be treated, duration of treatment, dosing schedule, etc.

10 The compounds of Formula I may also be admixed with any inert carrier and utilized in laboratory assays in order to determine the concentration of the compounds within the serum, urine, etc., of the patient as is known in the art. The compounds may also be used as a research tool.

15 **Use in Livestock**

20 In addition to the therapeutic and cosmetic uses described above, the compounds may also be used to promote the growth of animals, especially livestock. The compounds will increase the rate at which the animals gain weight, increase the leanness of the resulting meat and improve the efficiency of feed utilization. This may be accomplished by administering an effective amount of a compound of Formula I to an animal receiving adequate nutrition to support growth (i.e. sufficient calories, amino acids, vitamins, minerals, essential fats, etc.).

25 To simplify administration, the compound is typically mixed with animal feeds or prepared in the form of an animal-feed premix, concentrate, or supplement which can be blended with animal feeds. Regardless of the procedure selected, the compound will typically be present at levels of from about 0.05 to 500 ppm in the feed.

30 Animal-feed premixes, supplements or concentrates can be prepared by mixing on a weight basis about 0.5 to 50% of a compound with about 50 to 99.5% of an edible diluent. Diluents suitable for use in the manufacture of animal-feed supplements, concentrates, and premixes include the following: corn meal, soybean meal, bone meal, alfalfa meal, cottonseed oil meal, urea, molasses, and other similar materials. Use of the diluents in feed supplements, concentrates,

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and premixes improves uniformity of distribution of the active ingredient in the finished feed.

5 Feeds for swine, cattle, sheep, and goats typically contains about 0.05 to 400 grams of active ingredient per ton of feed. Poultry and domestic-pet feeds range from about 0.05 to 400 grams per ton of feed.

10 While the invention has been described in connection with specific embodiments thereof, it will be understood that it is capable of further modifications and this application is intended to cover any variations, uses, or adaptations of the invention following, in general, the principles of the invention and including such departures from the present disclosure as come within known or customary practice within the art to which the invention. The following 15 examples and biological data is being presented in order to further illustrate the invention. This disclosure should not be construed as limiting the invention in any manner.

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EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 1

25 The compounds of Formula I have affinity for the androgen receptor. This affinity has been demonstrated for selected compounds using the human receptor. The description below describes how the assay was carried out.

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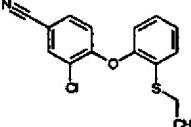
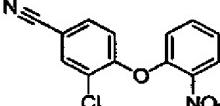
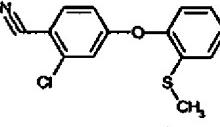
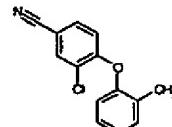
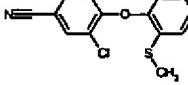
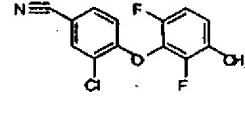
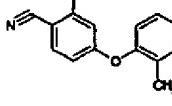
Competitive binding analysis was performed on baculovirus/Sf9 generated hAR extracts in the presence or absence of different concentrations of test agent and a fixed concentration of ^3H -dihydrotestosterone (^3H -DHT) as tracer. This binding assay method is a modification of a protocol previously described (Liao S., et. al. J. Steroid Biochem. 20:11-17 1984). Briefly, progressively decreasing concentrations of compounds are incubated in the presence of hAR extract (Chang et al. P.N.A.S. Vol. 89, pp. 5546-5950, 1992), hydroxylapatite, and 1 nM ^3H -DHT for one hour at 4°C. Subsequently, the binding reactions are washed three times to completely remove excess unbound ^3H -DHT. hAR bound ^3H -DHT

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levels are determined in the presence of compounds (i.e. competitive binding) and compared to levels bound when no competitor is present (i.e. maximum binding). Compound binding affinity to the hAR is expressed as the concentration of compound at which one half of the maximum binding is inhibited. Table I below provides the results that were obtained for selected compounds (reported data is the mean of multiple tests as shown below)

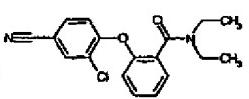
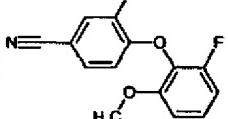
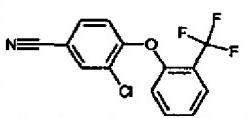
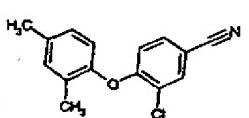
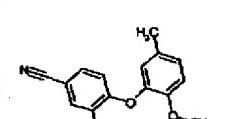
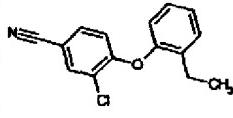
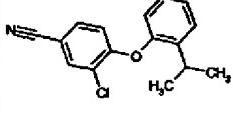
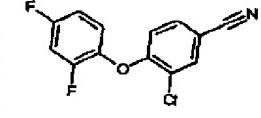
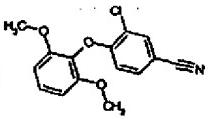
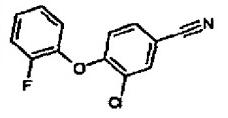
TABLE I

Example #	Compound	Structure	AR Binding IC50 (nM)
1	3-Chloro-4-(2-ethylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		281(a)
2	3-Chloro-4-(2-nitro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		472(c)
3	2-Chloro-4-(2-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		47(c)
4	3-Chloro-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		70(c)
5	3-Chloro-4-(2-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		311(N=10)
6	3-Chloro-(2,6-difluoro-5-methyl-phenoxy)benzonitrile		59(a)
7	2-Chloro-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		31(c)

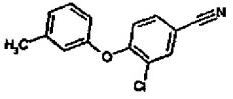
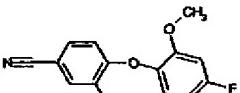
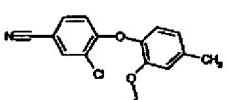
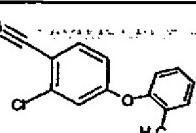
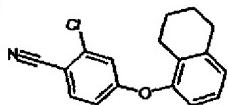
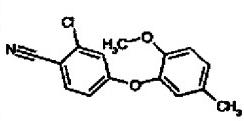
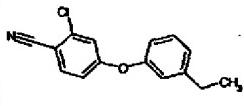
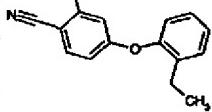
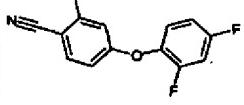
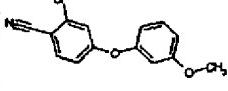
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8	2-(3-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-benzamide		222(a)
9	3-Chloro-4-(2,5-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		356(c)
10	3-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		29(a)
11	4-(2-Allyl-6-methyl-phenoxy)-3-chloro-benzonitrile		242(a)
12	3-Chloro-(3-hydroxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		137(a)
13	3-Chloro-4-(3-hydroxymethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		258(a)
14	3-Chloro-4-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		375(a)
15	3-Chloro-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		16(a)
16	3-Chloro-4-(2,6-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		16(N=6)
17	3-Chloro-4-(2-propyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		102(c)

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18	2-(2-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-N,N-diethyl-benzamide		402(a)
19	3-Chloro-4-(2-fluoro-6-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		28 (N=10)
20	3-Chloro-4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		253(c)
21	3-Chloro-4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		263(a)
22	3-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		491(a)
23	3-Chloro-(2-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		227(a)
24	3-Chloro-4-(2-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		456(a)
25	3-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		371(a)
26	3-Chloro-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		106(c)
27	3-Chloro-4-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		137(N=10)

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28	3-Chloro-4-m-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		412(a)
29	3-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		135(N=6)
30	3-Chloro-4-(2-ethoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		42(a)
31	2-Chloro-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		UA
32	2-Chloro-4-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yloxy)-benzonitrile		94(a)
33	2-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		232(c)
34	2-Chloro-4-(3-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		181(a)
35	2-Chloro-4-(2-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		20(a)
36	2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		52(c)
37	2-Chloro-4-(3-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		114(a)

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38	2-Chloro-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		249(c)
39	2-Chloro-4-(2-isopropyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		43(a)
40	2-Chloro-4-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-benzonitrile		31(c)
41	2-Chloro-4-m-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		86(a)
42	2-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		2(a)
43	2-Chloro-4-(indan-5-yloxy)-benzonitrile		439(a)
44	4-(2-Allyl-6-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile		79 (a)
45	2-Chloro-4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		25(a)
46	2-Chloro-4-[4-(2-cyano-ethyl)-phenoxy]-benzonitrile		304(c)
47	2-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		4(a)

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48	4-(2-sec-Butyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile		184(a)
49	2-Chloro-4-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		79(a)
50	2-Chloro-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		22(a)
51	4-(2-Allyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile		62(a)
52	2-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-benzo nitrile		152(a)
53	2-Chloro-4-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		192(a)
54	2-Chloro-4-(2,3-dimethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		157(c)
55	4-(3-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-3-methoxy-benzoic acid ethyl ester		300(a)
56	2-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		6(c)
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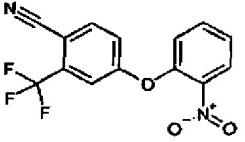
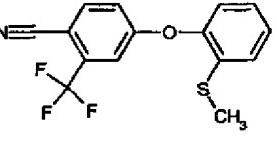
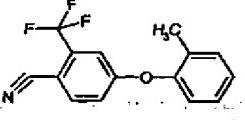
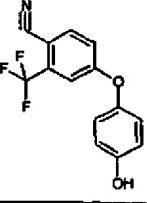
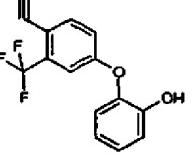
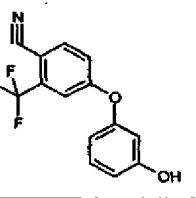
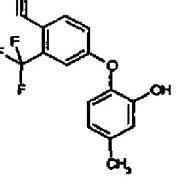
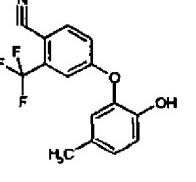
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58	2-Chloro-4-(3,4'-dimethyl-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-benzonitrile		436(a)
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60	2-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		48(a)
61	N-[4-(3-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-phenyl]-butyramide		163(c)
62	4-(2-Benzyl-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile		326(a)
63	2-Chloro-4-(2-isopropoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		70(c)
64	4-(2-Trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile		34(a)
65	2-Chloro-(2-cyano-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		14(a)
66	2-Chloro-4-phenoxy-benzonitrile		147(a)

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67	2-Chloro-(4-cyano-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		230(a)
68	2-Chloro-4-(2,5-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		69(a)
69	4-(Biphenyl-2-yloxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile		159(a)
70	2-Chloro-4-(2-ethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		19(a)
71	3-Chloro-4-(2-ethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		299(a)
72	3-Chloro-4-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-benzonitrile		478(a)
73	4-(2-tert-Butyl-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile		253(a)
74	4-(4-Acetyl-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		1476(c)
75	4-(4-Acetyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		443(c)
76	4-(2-Ethylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		319(c)

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77	4-(2-Nitro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		458(a)
78	4-(2-Methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		80(N=6)
79	4-o-Tolyloxy-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		139(N=6)
80	4-(4-Hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		207(a)
81	4-(2-Hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		34(c)
82	4-(3-Hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		85(c)
83	4-(2-Hydroxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		385(a)
84	4-(2-Hydroxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		127(a)

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85	4-(2-Acetyl-3-hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		111(c)
86	4-(2-Methoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		89(c)
87	4-(5-Hydroxymethyl-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		217(a)
88	4-(2-Acetyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		276(c)
89	4-(2-Diethylaminomethyl-3,6-dimethyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		255(a)
90	4-(2-Acetyl-4-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		204(a)
91	4-(2,3-Dimethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		272(N=8)
92	4-(2-Benzylphenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		361(a)

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93	4-(2-Ethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		177(N=8)
94	4-(Biphenyl-2-yloxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		434(a)
95	4-(2-Methoxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		107(c)
96	4-(2,6-Dimethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		449(N=6)
97	4-(Naphthalen-1-yloxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		100(N=6)
98	4-(2-Methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		109(c)
99	4-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		46(a)
100	4-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-phthalonitrile		173(a)
101	2-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		200(a)

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102	2-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2, 6-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		14(c)
103	4-(2-Propyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		271(N=6)
104	4-(2-Cyclopentyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		228(a)
105	4-(2-Allyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		82(a)
106	2-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N,N-diethyl-benzamide		175(a)
107	4-(2-Fluoro-6-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		219(N=6)
108	2-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		57(c)
109	4-(2-Ethoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		262(a)
110	4-(2-Isopropoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		218(N=12)

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111	4-(2-Isopropoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		335(a)
112	4-(2-Cyano-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		315(a)
113	2-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-(2-hydroxy-propyl)-benzamide		353(a)
114	2-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-(3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-propyl)-benzamide		402(a)
115	4-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		128(a)
116	4-(3-Hydroxy-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		30 (a)
117	2-Methoxy-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		53 (a)
118	4-(2,6-Difluoro-3-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		76 (a)
119	4-[4-Fluoro-2-(1-hydroxy-ethyl)-phenoxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		279 (N=6)

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120	4-(2-Acetyl-4-fluoro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		222 (N=6)
121	4-(2,6-Difluoro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		63 (a)
122	4-[2-(1-aminoethyl)-4-fluoro-phenoxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		2 (c)
123	4-(2-cyanomethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		141 (a)
124	3-Chloro-4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		45 (a)
125	3-Methoxy-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		433 (N=6)
126	2-Fluoro-4-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		99 (a)

a=Mean of two tests

b=Mean of three tests

c=Mean of four tests

ND=Not determined

5 UA=Unavailable

EXAMPLE 2

The compounds ability to antagonize the effects of androgen on the androgen receptor were determined in a whole cell assay as described immediately below.

Experimental procedure for AR antagonist cell assay

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Cell line: MDA-MB453-MMTV clone 54-19. This cell line is a stable transfected cell line with MDA-MB453 cell background (a human breast tumor cell line expressing androgen receptor). A MMTV minimal promoter containing ARE was first cloned in front of a firefly luciferase reporter gene. Then the cascade was cloned into transfection vector pUV120puro. Electroporation method was used for transfecting MDA-MB-453 cell. Puromycin resistant stable cell line was selected.

Cell culture media and reagents:

10 **Culture medium:** DMEM (high glucose, Gibco cat #: 11960-044), 10%FBS, and 1% L-glutamine

15 **Plating medium:** DMEM (phenol red free), 10% charcoal treated HyClone serum, 1% L-glutamine

20 **Assay medium:** DMEM (phenol red free), 1% charcoal treated HyClone serum, 1% L-glutamine, and 1% penicillin/streptomycin

25 **3X luciferase buffer:** 2% beta-mercaptoethanol, 0.6% ATP, 0.0135% luciferine in cell lysis buffer

Assay procedure:

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1. Cells are maintained in culture medium, splitting cells when they reach 80-90% confluence
 2. To test compounds, 10,000 cells/well are plated to opaque 96 cell culture plate in 100 ul/well plating medium, culture for overnight at 37°C in cell culture incubator
 3. Carefully remove plating medium, then add 80 ul/well of pre-warmed assay medium, add 10 ul/well testing compound (final concentration at) 1000 nM, 200 nM, 40 nM, 8 nM, 1.6 nM, and 0.32 nM), incubate at 37°C for 30 minutes
 4. Add 10 ul/well freshly prepared DHT (final concentration at 100 pM) to each well, incubate at 37°C for 17 hr (overnight)
 5. Add 50 ul/well 3X luciferase buffer, incubate at room temperature for 5 minutes, then count on Luminometer

35 The fold induction over background by 100 pM DHT in the absence of testing compounds is standardized as 100% and experimental result is expressed as percentage of inhibition by testing compounds.

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The results are described below in Table III. The results are reported as the mean of multiple tests as described below (the numbers of tests are indicated in the footnote). N.D. denotes that the compound was not tested.

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TABLE II

Example #	Compound	Structure	AR Cell IC50 (nM)
1	3-Chloro-4-(2-ethylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		ND
2	3-Chloro-4-(2-nitro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		ND
3	2-Chloro-4-(2-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		<0.32(N=6)
4	3-Chloro-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		63(c)
5	3-Chloro-4-(2-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		48(N=6)
6	3-Chloro-(2,6-difluoro-5-methyl-phenoxy)benzonitrile		ND
7	2-Chloro-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		59(c)

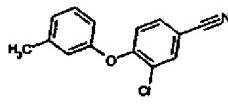
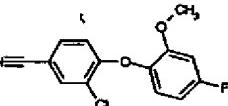
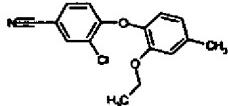
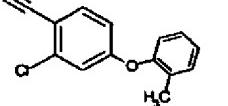
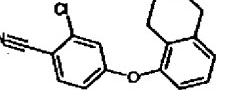
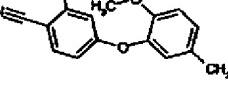
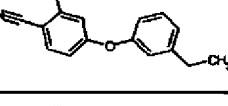
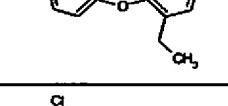
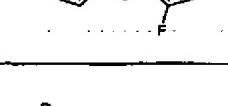
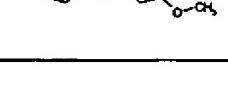
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8	2-(3-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-benzamide		>1000(a)
9	3-Chloro-4-(2,5-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		ND
10	3-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		319(a)
11	4-(2-Allyl-6-methyl-phenoxy)-3-chloro-benzonitrile		ND
12	3-Chloro-(3-hydroxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		832(a)
13	3-Chloro-4-(3-hydroxymethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		ND
14	3-Chloro-4-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		ND
15	3-Chloro-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		>1000(a)
16	3-Chloro-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		161(N=6)
17	3-Chloro-4-(2-propyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		861(c)

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18	2-(2-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-N,N-diethyl-benzamide		ND
19	3-Chloro-4-(2-fluoro-6-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		52(N=10)
20	3-Chloro-4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		51(a)
21	3-Chloro-4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		ND
22	3-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		ND
23	3-Chloro-(2-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		>1000(a)
24	3-Chloro-4-(2-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		ND
25	3-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		792(a)
26	3-Chloro-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		54(c)
27	3-Chloro-4-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		46(N=8)

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28	3-Chloro-4-m-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		ND
29	3-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		67(c)
30	3-Chloro-4-(2-ethoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		869(a)
31	2-Chloro-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		174
32	2-Chloro-4-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yloxy)-benzonitrile		473(a)
33	2-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		42(a)
34	2-Chloro-4-(3-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		924(a)
35	2-Chloro-4-(2-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		360(a)
36	2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		144(c)
37	2-Chloro-4-(3-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		139(a)

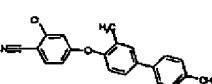
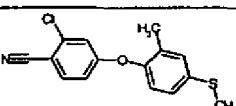
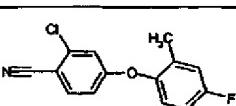
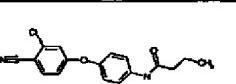
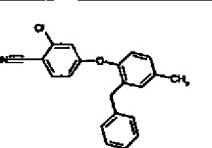
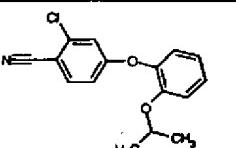
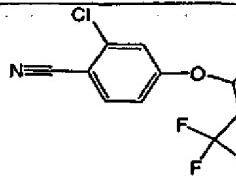
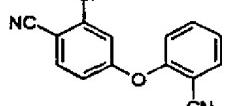
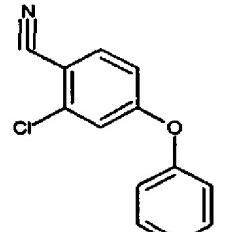
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38	2-Chloro-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		19(a)
39	2-Chloro-4-(2-isopropyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		254(a)
40	2-Chloro-4-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-benzonitrile		90(c)
41	2-Chloro-4-m-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		120(a)
42	2-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		387(a)
43	2-Chloro-4-(indan-5-yloxy)-benzonitrile		ND
44	4-(2-Allyl-6-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile		282(a)
45	2-Chloro-4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		721(a)
46	2-Chloro-4-[4-(2-cyano-ethyl)-phenoxy]-benzonitrile		197(a)
47	2-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		>1000(a)

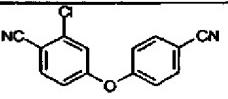
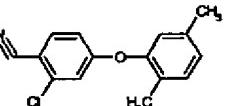
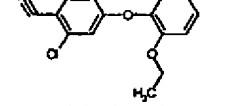
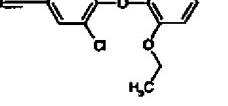
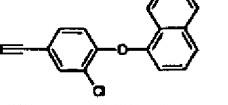
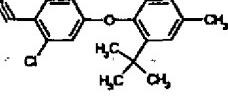
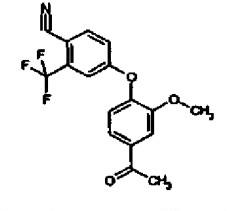
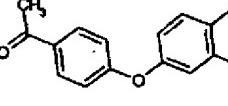
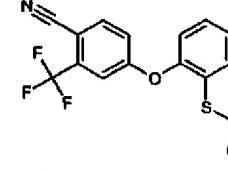
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48	4-(2-sec-Butyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile		>1000(a)
49	2-Chloro-4-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		784(a)
50	2-Chloro-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		214(a)
51	4-(2-Allyl-phenoxy)-2-chlorobenzonitrile		252(a)
52	2-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		261(a)
53	2-Chloro-4-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		621(a)
54	2-Chloro-4-(2,3-dimethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		26(a)
55	4-(3-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-3-methoxy-benzoic acid ethyl ester		ND
56	2-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		11(c)
57	2-Chloro-4-(2-ethoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		>1000(a)

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58	2-Chloro-4-(3,4'-dimethyl-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-benzonitrile		ND
59	2-Chloro-4-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		175(a)
60	2-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		72(a)
61	N-[4-(3-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-phenyl]-butyramide		535(a)
62	4-(2-Benzyl-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile		ND
63	2-Chloro-4-(2-isopropoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		4(a)
64	4-(2-Trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile		842(a)
65	2-Chloro-(2-cyano-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		0.32(a)
66	2-Chloro-4-phenoxy-benzonitrile		333(c)

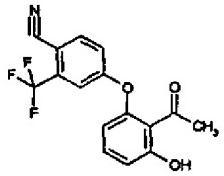
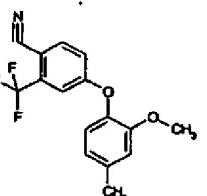
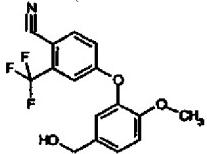
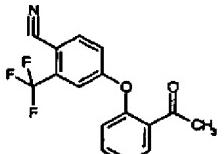
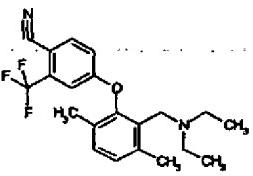
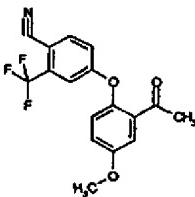
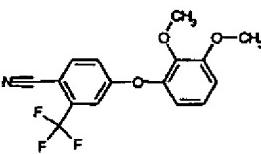
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67	2-Chloro-(4-cyano-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		340(a)
68	2-Chloro-4-(2,5-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		>1000(a)
69	4-(Biphenyl-2-yloxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile		>1000(a)
70	2-Chloro-4-(2-ethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		ND
71	3-Chloro-4-(2-ethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		ND
72	3-Chloro-4-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-benzonitrile		ND
73	4-(2-tert-Butyl-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile		ND
74	4-(4-Acetyl-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		ND
75	4-(4-Acetyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		ND
76	4-(2-Ethylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		589(a)

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77	4-(2-Nitro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		ND
78	4-(2-Methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		27(N=6)
79	4-o-Tolyloxy-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		761(c)
80	4-(4-Hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		62(a)
81	4-(2-Hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		99(c)
82	4-(3-Hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		61(c)
83	4-(2-Hydroxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		ND
84	4-(2-Hydroxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		658(a)

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85	4-(2-Acetyl-3-hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		4(c)
86	4-(2-Methoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		316(c)
87	4-(5-Hydroxymethyl-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		≥1000(a)
88	4-(2-Acetyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		123(a)
89	4-(2-Diethylaminomethyl-3,6-dimethyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		ND
90	4-(2-Acetyl-4-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		477(a)
91	4-(2,3-Dimethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		28(N=6)

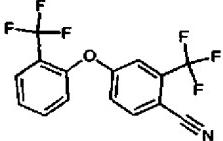
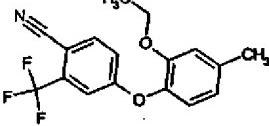
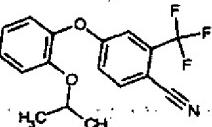
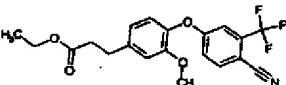
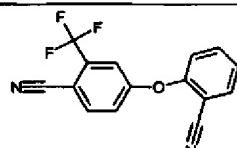
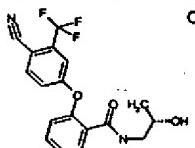
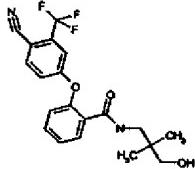
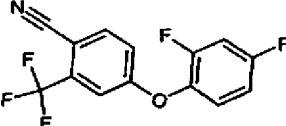
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92	4-(2-Benzyl-oxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		ND
93	4-(2-Ethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		50(N=6)
94	4-(Biphenyl-2-yloxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		ND
95	4-(2-Methoxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		495(c)
96	4-(2,6-Dimethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		>1000(a)
97	4-(Naphthalen-1-yloxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		554(N=6)
98	4-(2-Methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		82(c)
99	4-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		899(a)

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100	4-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-phthalonitrile		822(a)
101	2-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		660(a)
102	2-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		685(c)
103	4-(2-Propyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		325(a)
104	4-(2-Cyclopentyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		592(a)
105	4-(2-Allyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		>1000(a)
106	2-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N,N-diethyl-benzamide		>1000(a)
107	4-(2-Fluoro-6-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		44(c)

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108	2-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		>1000(c)
109	4-(2-Ethoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		ND
110	4-(2-Isopropoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		206(N=10)
111	4-(2-Isopropoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		ND
112	4-(2-Cyano-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		ND
113	2-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-(2-hydroxy-propyl)-benzamide	 Chiral	ND
114	2-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-(3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-propyl)-benzamide		ND
115	4-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		56(a)

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116	4-(3-Hydroxy-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		3 (a)
117	2-Methoxy-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		26 (a)
118	4-(2,6-Difluoro-3-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		249 (a)
119	4-[4-Fluoro-2-(1-hydroxyethyl)-phenoxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		458 (a)
120	4-(2-Acetyl-4-fluoro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		367 (a)
121	4-(2,6-Difluoro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		17 (a)
122	4-[2-(1-aminoethyl)-4-fluoro-phenoxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		1000 (c)
123	4-(2-cyanomethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile		54 (a)
124	3-Chloro-4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		60 (a)
125	3-Methoxy-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile		50 (a)
126	2-Fluoro-4-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile		55 (a)

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a=Mean of two tests

b=Mean of three tests

c=Mean of four tests

ND=Not determined

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Example 3

Animal Model for Inhibition of Sebum Production

10 Luderschmidt et al describes an animal model for testing whether compounds are capable of modulating sebum secretion. Arch. Derm. Res. 258, 185-191 (1977). This model uses male Syrian hamsters, whose ears contain sebaceous glands. Table 3 below, further reports the results obtained with several of the androgen modulators described by Formula I.

15 Testing for sebum inhibition was carried out in the following manner. Male Syrian hamsters aged 9 to 10 weeks were introduced into the laboratory environment and acclimated for 2 weeks prior to use in the study. Each group consisted of 5 animals and run in parallel with vehicle and positive controls. Prior to administration, a sufficient quantity each compound was dissolved in 1 mL of the vehicle identified in Table III to achieve the final concentration reported in Table III.

20 Animals were dosed topically twice daily, five days a week, for 4 weeks. Each dose consisted of 25 micro liters of vehicle control or drug. The dose was applied to the ventral surfaces of both the right and left ears. All animals were sacrificed approximately 18-24 hours after the final dose. The right ears were collected from each animal and used for sebum analysis.

25 The ears were prepped for HPLC analysis in the following manner. One 8mm distal biopsy punch was taken, just above the anatomical "V" mark in the ear to normalize the sample area. The punch was pulled apart. The ventral biopsy surface (the area where the topical dose was directly applied to the sebaceous glands) was retained for testing and the dorsal surface of the biopsy punch was discarded.

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5 Tissue samples were blown with N₂ gas and stored at -80°C under nitrogen until HPLC analysis. In addition to ear samples, an aliquot of each drug and vehicle (at least 250μl) was also stored at -80°C for inclusion in the HPLC analysis.

10 HPLC analysis was carried out on an extract of the tissue sample. Tissue samples were contacted with 3ml of solvent (a 4:1 admixture of 2,2,4-trimethylpentane and isopropyl alcohol). The mixture was shaken for 15 minutes and stored overnight at room temperature, protected from light. The next 15 morning 1 milliliter of water was added to the sample and shaken for 15 minutes. The sample was then centrifuged at approximately 1500rpm for 15 minutes. Two ml of the organic phase (top layer) was transferred to a glass vial, dried at 37°C, under nitrogen, for approximately 1 hour, and then lyophilized for approximately 48 hours. The samples were then removed from the lyophilizer and each vial was reconstituted with 600μl of solvent A (trimethylpentane/tetrahydrofuran (99:1)). The samples were then recapped and vortexed for 5 minutes.

20 200μl of each sample was then transferred to a pre-labeled 200μl HPLC vial with 200 μL glass inserts. The HPLC vials were placed in the autosampler tray for the Agilent 1100 series HPLC unit. The Agilent 1100 HPLC system consisted of a thermostated autosampler, a quaternary pump, a column heater, and an A/D interface module. All components were controlled by Agilent ChemStation software. A Waters Spherisorb S3W 4.6x100 mm analytical column 25 was maintained at 30°C by the Agilent column heater unit. The HPLC autosampler was programmed to maintain the sample temperature at 20°C throughout the run.

30 10uL of each sample was injected in triplicate into the column. Two solvents were used for the solvent gradient. Solvent A was an admixture of trimethylpentane and tetrahydrofuran (99:1). Solvent B was ethylacetate. The gradient utilized is described in the table below:

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Time (min)	Solv A (%)	Solv B (%)	Flow (mL/min)
0	99	1	2
2	96	4	2
6	60	40	2
7	5	95	2
10	5	95	2
10.1	99	1	2

The Sedex 75 Evaporative Light Scattering Detector (ELSD) was operated at 45°C with a gain of 5, and N₂ pressure maintained at 3.1 bar. Analog signal obtained by the instrument was sent to the Agilent A/D interface module where it was converted to a digital output. The conversion was based on a 10000 mAU/volt set point and the data rate was set at 10Hz (0.03 min). The resulting digital output was then feed into the Agilent ChemStation software for integration of the peak area.

The results of the HPLC analysis are reported below in Table III. The results are reported as the reduction in cholesterol ester (CE) and wax ester (WE) production, when compared to the vehicle control. A negative value reflects an increase in sebum, whereas a positive reflects a decrease.

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Table III

Example #	Concentration Tested % w/v	Vehicle	% WE Reduction	% CE Reduction	% WE & CE Reduction
4	3	#1	90	76	166
7	3	#1	87	71	158
93	3	#1	82	67	149
107	2	#1	41	37	78
78	3	#2	36	32	68
5	3	#1	39	27	66

Vehicle #1 - polyethylene glycol/transcutol/ethanol – 20/20/60 v/v/v(%)

Vehicle #2 - polyethylene glycol/ethanol – 30/70-v/v(%)

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EXAMPLE 4

Animal Model for Androgenetic Alopecia

5 As described above, alopecia is a problem that medical science has
devoted considerable resources to. As with any disease process, animal models
have been developed to allow scientists to screen compounds for their potential
relative efficacy. Those compounds showing the greatest efficacy in these animal
models are considered for further study in humans. Two different animal models
10 have been developed to date for alopecia. The first is the telogen conversion
assay, which uses female C3H/HeN mice. The second model uses stump-tailed
macaques, which are monkeys that suffer from androgenetic alopecia.

15 The telogen conversion assay measures the potential of a compound to
convert the resting stage of the hair growth cycle ("telogen") to the active stage of
the hair growth cycle ("anagen") in mice. This assay takes advantage of the fact
that the fur (i.e. hair) of 7-week-old C3H/HeN mice is in the telogen phase. This
phase continues until about 75 days of age. In this assay, selected areas of the
mice are shaved, contacted with a test agent, or a control, and the difference in
the rate of hair growth is measured (i.e. induction of the anagen phase). The first
20 sign of anagen is the darkening of skin color as melanocytes in the follicles start
to synthesize melanin, in preparation for the production of pigmented hairs. This
model has a number of advantages. This includes the ready availability of female
C3H/HeN mice, the ability to screen large numbers of compounds quickly, and the
ease of housing and handling such animals.

25 The primary disadvantage of this model is its lack of androgenetic
dependency. While the exact cause of human baldness is not known, it is well
documented that androgens induce a regression of hair follicles in the scalp. This
post adolescent regressive change is a fundamental cause of male pattern
baldness, (i.e. "androgenetic alopecia"). This phenomenon occurs in both men
30 and women who have inherited the genetic trait for alopecia, as mentioned
previously. For a more detail discussion of the effects of androgens on human

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scalps, the readers attention is directed to Trueb, RM, Molecular Mechanisms of Androgenic Alopecia, Exp. Gerontology, 2002, 27:981-990.

Researchers looked for other animals whose hair growth was similar to
5 that of humans. These lead researchers to stump-tailed macaques. These primates also suffer from androgenetic alopecia. Essentially all post adolescent macaques, in both sexes, exhibit the development of baldness. Like the development of male pattern baldness in humans, androgens are an indispensable triggering factor in macaque baldness. Thinning of the frontal scalp
10 hairs begins to appear around the same age (4 years) when serum levels of testosterone become drastically elevated in male animals. Although the elevation of testosterone in females is approximately one tenth that of the male level, there is no difference in the incidence and the age of onset of baldness between male and female stump-tailed macaques. Topical application of anti-androgens have
15 reversed this baldness in animals of both sexes (Pan, H J et al, Evaluation of RU58841 as an anti-androgen in prostate PC3 cells and a topical anti-aloepecia agent in the bald scalp of stump tailed macaques. Endocrine 1998; 9:39-43).

While this model is a significant improvement over the telogen conversion
20 assay as a model for human baldness, it suffers from a number of practical disadvantages. The macaques are expensive, relatively rare, labor intensive to maintain, and require long wash out periods between testing. Thus, the macaque is not a practical model for screening large numbers of compounds

25 It has been discovered that male C3H/HeN mice may be used in the telogen conversion assay, when evaluating anti-androgen test compounds. Thus, the model relates to a modification of the existing telogen conversion assay. Male C3H/HeN mice approximately 7 weeks old are utilized. These animals are also uniformly in telogen, like their female counterparts. However, once shaven,
30 the androgens inherently present in these male mice inhibit the conversion of the hair follicles to the anagen phase. An anti-androgen will block this androgenic effect and the follicles will convert to anagen, like their female counterparts.

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EXAMPLE 4A

5 The compounds shown below in Table IV were submitted for further testing utilizing the modified telogen conversion assay, described above. The testing was carried out in the following manner.

10 Male C3H/HeN mice, 6 to 7 weeks old (Charles River Laboratories, Raleigh, NC) were used for the study. Fur was clipped from the dorsal region of the mice prior to initiation of the study. Only mice with pink skin, a visual indication of the telogen phase, were selected for inclusion in the study.

15 The test compound was dissolved in a vehicle as identified in Table IV to achieve the concentrations described in Table IV. The relevant dose was applied topically to the clipped dorsal region of the mice in one test group (7-10 mice) in a volume of 20 $\mu\text{l}/\text{cm}^2$. A second group of animals received only the vehicle to serve as a control. Treatments were applied twice daily for 4 weeks.

20 The treatment area was observed and graded every other day for signs of hair growth. The hair growth response was quantified by recording, for each animal, the day on which signs of hair growth first appeared over the treated area. The first sign of anagen was the darkening of skin color as melanocytes in the follicles started to synthesize melanin in preparation for the production of pigmented hairs. The mice were observed for 35 days or longer. The day on which anagen was initiated in 50% of the test animals for both the treatment group and the vehicle group is reported below in Table IV.

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Table IV

Example	Concentration % w/v	Vehicle	Anagen- Vehicle	Anagen-Trx
4	3	#2	>35	>35
7	5	#2	42	35
7	1	#2	42	>60
27	1	#2	>35	>35
29	3	#1	25	25
91	3	#1	30	20
93	1	#2	>35	>35
107	3	#3	>35	>35
78	3	#1	>35	>35
5	3	#1	>35	>35

Vehicle #1 – polyethylene glycol/transcutol/ethanol – 20/20/60 v/v/v(%)

Vehicle #2 – polyethylene glycol/ethanol – 30/70 v/v(%)

5 Vehicle #3 – polyethylene glycol/transcutonol/ethanol – 10/10/80 v/v/v(%)

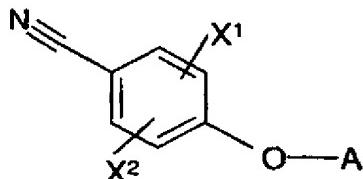
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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. Use of a compound of the formula

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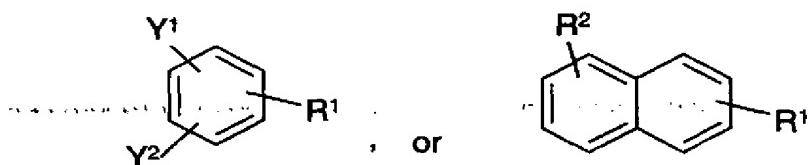
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, thereof:

in which:

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- a) X¹ is represented by halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, haloalkoxy, or haloalkyl and,
- b) X² is represented by hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, haloalkoxy, or haloalkyl and,
- c) A is represented by a C₆-C₁₀ aryl moiety as described below:

15



in which R¹ and R² are each independently represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of:

20

- i. hydrogen,
- ii. halogen,
- iii. cyano,
- iv. hydroxy,
- v. NO₂,
- vi. (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl, optionally substituted,
- vii. (C₂-C₁₂)alkenyl, optionally substituted,
- viii. (C₂-C₁₂)alkynyl, optionally substituted,
- ix. (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, optionally substituted,

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- x. (C_3-C_{10}) cycloalkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, in which the alkyl and cycloalkyl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
 - xi. (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, optionally substituted,
 - xii. (C_6-C_{10}) aryl (C_1-C_6)alkyl, in which the alkyl and aryl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
 - xiii. $(CH_2)_z-SR^3$,
 - xiv. $(CH_2)_z-OR^3$,
 - xv. $(CH_2)_z-NR^3R^4$,
 - xvi. $(CH_2)_z-C(O)R_3$,
 - xvii. $(CH_2)_z-COOR^3$,
 - xviii. $(CH_2)_z-CONR^3 R^4$,
 - xix. $(CH_2)_z-N R^4COR^3$, and
 - xx. $(CH_2)_zOCOR^3$;

d) z is represented by an integer from 0 to 6,

e) R^3 is represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_1-C_{12}) alkyl optionally substituted, (C_2-C_{12}) alkenyl optionally substituted, (C_2-C_{12}) alkynyl optionally substituted, optionally substituted (C_6-C_{10}) aryl , and (C_6-C_{10}) aryl (C_1-C_6)alkyl, in which the alkyl and aryl moieties may each be optionally substituted,

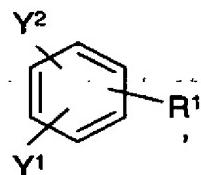
f) R^4 is represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and (C_1-C_{12}) alkyl,

g) Y^1 and Y^2 are each absent, or together form a carbocyclic ring, - $(CH_2)_n$, in which n is an integer from 3-8,
in the manufacture of a medicament for an androgen responsive condition.

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syndrome, lung cancer, precocious puberty, osteoporosis, hypogonadism, age-related decrease in muscle mass, and anemia.

- 3. A use according to claim 1 in which X is halogen or haloalkyl.
- 5 4. A use according to claim 1 in which X is chloro or trifluoromethyl and is located at the 2-position.
- 5. A use according to claim 1 in which A is represented by:



- 10 6. A use according to any one of claims 1-5 in which said condition is alopecia.
- 7. A use according to any one of claims 1-5 in which said condition is excess sebum.
- 15 8. A use according to any one of claim 1-7 in which said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

3-Chloro-4-(2-ethylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
 3-Chloro-4-(2-nitro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
 2-Chloro-4-(2-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
 20 3-Chloro-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile,
 3-Chloro-4-(2-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
 3-Chloro-(2,6-difluoro-5-methyl-phenoxy)benzonitrile,
 2-Chloro-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile,
 2-(3-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-benzamide,
 25 3-Chloro-4-(2,5-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
 3-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
 4-(2-Allyl-6-methyl-phenoxy)-3-chloro-benzonitrile
 3-Chloro-(3-hydroxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile

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- 3-Chloro-4-(3-hydroxymethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
5 3-Chloro-4-(2-propyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-(2-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-N,N-diethyl-benzamide
3-Chloro-4-(2-fluoro-6-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
10 3-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-(2-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
15 3-Chloro-4-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-m-tolyloxy-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
3-Chloro-4-(2-ethoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yloxy)-benzonitrile
20 2-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(3-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2-ethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(3-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
25 2-Chloro-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2-isopropyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-m-tolyloxy-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
30 2-Chloro-4-(indan-5-yloxy)-benzonitrile
4-(2-Allyl-6-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-[4-(2-cyano-ethyl)-phenoxy]-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
35 4-(2-sec-Butyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile

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- 2-Chloro-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
4-(2-Allyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
5 2-Chloro-4-(2,3-dimethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
4-(3-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-3-methoxy-benzoic acid ethyl ester
2-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(2-ethoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(3,4'-dimethyl-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-benzonitrile
10 2-Chloro-4-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
2-Chloro-4-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile
N-[4-(3-Chloro-4-cyano-phenoxy)-phenyl]-butyramide,
4-(2-Benzyl-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile,
2-Chloro-4-(2-isopropoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
15 4-(2-Benzyl-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile,
2-Chloro-(2-cyano-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
2-Chloro-4-phenoxy-benzonitrile,
2-Chloro-(4-cyano-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
2-Chloro-4-(2,5-dimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
20 4-(Biphenyl-2-yloxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile,
2-Chloro-4-(2-ethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
3-Chloro-4-(2-ethoxy-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
3-Chloro-4-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-benzonitrile,
4-(2-tert-Butyl-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-chloro-benzonitrile,
25 4-(4-Acetyl-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(4-Acetyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Ethylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Nitro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Methylsulfanyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
30 4-o-Tolyloxy-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(4-Hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(3-Hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Hydroxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
35 4-(2-Hydroxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Acetyl-3-hydroxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,

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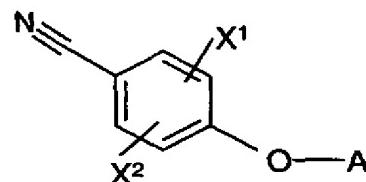
- 4-(2-Methoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
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4-(2-Diethylaminomethyl-3,6-dimethyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-
5 benzonitrile,
4-(2-Acetyl-4-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2,3-Dimethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Benzylphenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Ethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
10 4-(Biphenyl-2-yloxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Methoxy-5-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2,6-Dimethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(Naphthalen-1-yloxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
15 4-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-phthalonitrile,
2-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
2-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Propyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
20 4-(2-Cyclopentyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Allyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
2-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N,N-diethyl-benzamide,
4-(2-Fluoro-6-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
2-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-benzonitrile,
25 4-(2-Ethoxy-4-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Isopropoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Isopropoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
4-(2-Cyano-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile,
2-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-(2-hydroxy-propyl)-benzamide,
30 2-(4-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-(3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-propyl)-
benzamide;
4-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
4-(3-Hydroxy-2-methoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
2-Methoxy-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile;
35 4-(2,6-Difluoro-3-methyl-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
4-[4-Fluoro-2-(1-hydroxy-ethyl)-phenoxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;

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- 4-(2-Acetyl-4-fluoro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
 4-(2,6-Difluoro-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
 4-[2-(1-Aminoethyl)-4-fluoro-phenoxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
 4-(2-Cyanomethoxy-phenoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
 5
 3-Chloro-4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile;
 3-Methoxy-4-o-tolyloxy-benzonitrile and
 2-Fluoro-4-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-benzonitrile.

9. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula

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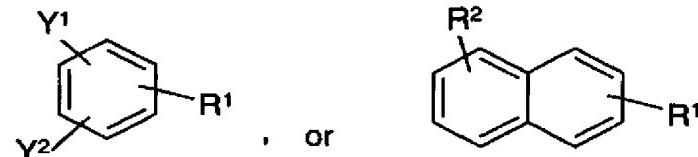
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, thereof:

in which:

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- a) X¹ is represented by halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, haloalkoxy, or haloalkyl,
 b) X² is represented by hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, haloalkoxy, or haloalkyl ,and,
 b) A is represented by a C₆-C₁₀ aryl moiety described below:

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in which R¹ and R² are each independently represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of:

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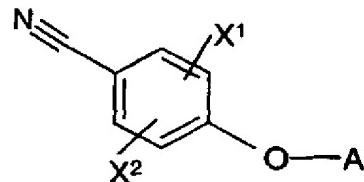
- hydrogen,
- halogen,
- cyano,
- hydroxy,

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- v. NO_2 ,
- vi. $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12})\text{alkyl}$, optionally substituted,
- vii. $(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{12})\text{alkenyl}$, optionally substituted,
- viii. $(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{12})\text{alkynyl}$, optionally substituted,
- 5 ix. $(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10})\text{cycloalkyl}$, optionally substituted,
- x. $(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10})\text{ cycloalkyl}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$, in which the alkyl and cycloalkyl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
- xi. $(\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{10})\text{aryl}$, optionally substituted,
- 10 xii. $(\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{10})\text{aryl} (\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$, in which the alkyl and aryl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
- xiii. $(\text{CH}_2)_z\text{-SR}^3$,
- xiv. $(\text{CH}_2)_z\text{-OR}^3$,
- xv. $(\text{CH}_2)_z\text{-NR}^3\text{R}^4$,
- 15 xvi. $(\text{CH}_2)_z\text{-COOR}^3$,
- xvii. $(\text{CH}_2)_z\text{-CONR}^3\text{ R}^4$,
- xviii. $(\text{CH}_2)_z\text{-N R}^4\text{COR}^3$,
- xix. $(\text{CH}_2)_z\text{-C(O)R}^3$, and
- 20 xx. $(\text{CH}_2)_z\text{OCOR}^3$;
- c) z is represented by an integer from 0 to 6,
- d) R^3 is represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12})\text{alkyl}$ optionally substituted, $(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{12})\text{alkenyl}$ optionally substituted, $(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{12})\text{alkynyl}$ optionally substituted, $(\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{10})\text{aryl}$, and $(\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{10})\text{aryl} (\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$, in which the alkyl and aryl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
- 25 e) R^4 is represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12})\text{alkyl}$,
- f) Y^1 and Y^2 are each absent, or together form a carbocyclic ring, - $(\text{CH}_2)_n$, in which n is an integer from 3-8.

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10. A method for promoting the growth of live stock comprising, administering, to live stock a compound of the formula the formula

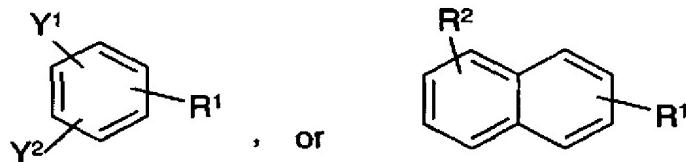


5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, thereof:
in which:

a) X^1 is represented by halogen, cyano, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, haloalkoxy, or haloalkyl,

10 b) X^2 is represented by hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen, cyano, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, haloalkoxy, or haloalkyl, and

b) A is represented by a C_6-C_{10} aryl moiety described below:



15 in which R^1 and R^2 are each independently represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of:

- i. hydrogen,
- ii. halogen,
- iii. cyano,
- iv. hydroxy,
- v. NO_2 ,
- vi. (C_1-C_{12}) alkyl, optionally substituted,
- vii. (C_2-C_{12}) alkenyl, optionally substituted,
- 20 viii. (C_2-C_{12}) alkynyl, optionally substituted,
- ix. (C_3-C_{10}) cycloalkyl, optionally substituted,
- x. (C_3-C_{10}) cycloalkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, in which the alkyl and cycloalkyl moieties may each be optionally substituted,

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- xii. $(C_6\text{-}C_{10})\text{ary}$, optionally substituted,
 - xiii. $(C_6\text{-}C_{10})\text{aryl } (C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl}$, in which the alkyl and aryl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
 - 5 xiv. $(CH_2)_z\text{-SR}^3$,
 - xv. $(CH_2)_z\text{-NR}^3R^4$,
 - xvi. $(CH_2)_z\text{-COOR}^3$,
 - xvii. $(CH_2)_z\text{-C(O)R}^3$,
 - 10 xviii. $(CH_2)_z\text{-CONR}^3 R^4$,
 - xix. $(CH_2)_z\text{-N R}^4\text{COR}^3$, and
 - xx. $(CH_2)_z\text{OCOR}^3$;
- c) z is represented by an integer from 0 to 6,
- 15 d) R^3 is represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $(C_1\text{-}C_{12})\text{alkyl}$ optionally substituted, $(C_2\text{-}C_{12})\text{alkenyl}$ optionally substituted, $(C_2\text{-}C_{12})\text{alkynyl}$ optionally substituted, optionally substituted $(C_6\text{-}C_{10})\text{aryl}$, and $(C_6\text{-}C_{10})\text{aryl } (C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl}$, in which the alkyl and aryl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
- 20 e) R^4 is represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and $(C_1\text{-}C_{12})\text{alkyl}$,
- f) Y^1 and Y^2 are each absent, or together form a carbocyclic ring, -
25 $(CH_2)_n$, in which n is an integer from 3-8.